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STREAMS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following Amendment and consideration of the following remarks and accompanying Declarations.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.